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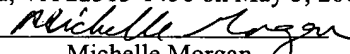
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For: PROCESSES FOR THE PREPARATION OF HIGHLY PURE 3-(2-SUBSTITUTED VINYL) CEPHALOSPORIN

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered prior to examination of the specification filed concurrently herewith, and prior to calculation of the fees therefor:

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 8-13, 28-30, 35, 37, 39-42 and 44 and amend claim 38 follows: